## **EXHIBIT 9**

## **Gary Singh Deposition Excerpts**

• Pages 9-10 and 84 from the deposition testimony of Gary Singh, taken March 22, 2011.

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      No. 3519 that was located at 4591 East Belmont in
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                                                                         A. Okay.
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                                                                         O. We may refer back --
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      Fresno. Did you operate that station for a period of
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                                                                         A. Okay.
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      time?
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         A. No. When I -- when I purchased that place, it
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                                                                         Q. -- to exhibits we have previously looked at
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                                                                      during the course of the day. Have you ever had your
      was ARCO, not the Beacon.
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                                                                      deposition taken before?
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         Q. Okay. Did you operate a station -- a gas
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      station at that address, 4591 East Belmont in Fresno?
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                                                                         A. No.
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         A. Yeah, I am still doing it.
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                                                                         Q. Okay. I am going to go over some basic ground
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         Q. Okay. And when did you start operating it?
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                                                                      rules so you understand how we will proceed today.
         A. 2001.
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         Q. Okay. Do you recall the month?
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                                                                         Q. You understand that you just took an oath to
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         A. In January.
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                                                                      tell the truth --
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         O. Okav.
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                                                                         A. Yes.
         A. I think January 10th.
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                                                                         Q. -- and your testimony here is under penalty of
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         Q. And you have been operating it continuously --
                                                                      perjury as if we were in a court of law.
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                                                                         A. Okav.
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                                                                         Q. Okay. It is important that the court reporter
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         Q. -- since that time?
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                                                                      can clearly type your testimony and any questions or
         A. Yes.
                                                                      objections that are made. So even if you know what I am
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         Q. All right. And do you own the station?
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         A. I own -- I'm not own the property, but I own
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                                                                      going to ask you, allow me to finish my question before
                                                                      you give your answer.
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      the equipment and the building and everything.
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         Q. Okay. And do you own the underground storage
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                                                                           Do you understand that?
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      tanks?
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                                                                         A. Okay. Yes.
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                                                                         Q. Okay. And from time to time counsel in the
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         A. Yes.
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                                                                      room or on the phone may object to the question being
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         Q. And who owns the property?
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         A. His name Melvin Armey.
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                                                                      asked. If you would wait until those objections are
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            MR. MASSEY: I have marked as Exhibit 1 a list
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                                                                      made until you -- to give your answer, that will allow
                                                                      the court reporter to make a clear record.
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      of service stations in Fresno. And I want to give it to
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      you and have you look at it and tell me if you have
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                                                                         A. Okay.
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      worked at any of the other stations that are on this
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                                                                         Q. It is also important that you give verbal
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                                                                      responses. So if we were talking like a normal
      list.
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                                                                      conversation, you might nod your head to say yes or no,
                   (Deposition Exhibit 1 marked for
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                                                                      but here you want to say yes or no, or otherwise give a
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                   identification)
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            THE WITNESS: That's the one we have, 319245
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                                                                      verbal response to questions.
      (sic), that's -- that's the one, we own it.
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                                                                           Do you understand that?
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                                                                         A. Yes.
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            MR. MASSEY: Q. Okay.
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                                                                         Q. You are doing great so far.
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         A. Yes.
         Q. And that's the third or fourth one on the list?
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                                                                         A. Thanks.
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         A. That's the third one.
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                                                                         Q. It is also important that you understand my
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         Q. Okay. So the only one is the one that we are
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                                                                      questions. If you don't, just let me know and I will
      here to talk about today?
                                                                      restate or clarify.
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         A. Yes.
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                                                                         A. Okav.
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                                                                         Q. We are entitled to your best recollection.
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         Q. Okay. And what do you call the station?
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         A. Now? ARCO Gas and Food.
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                                                                      That includes if you have partial information, an
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         Q. Okay. If I refer to it as "the station," will
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                                                                      estimate of some type of information based on what you
                                                                      know. I don't want you to guess if you have no
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      you understand what I am talking about?
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                                                                      information.
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         Q. Okay. And for exhibits, you want to keep them
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      in front of you. You can just turn them over like that
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                                                                         Q. I will draw the distinction this way: If I
      and stack them.
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                                                                      asked you to estimate the size of this table, you could
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      and Groundwater Investigation dated April 6th, 2001,
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                                                                     the gas stations?
      Bates No. RWQCB-FRESNO-16620 through 16760.
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                                                                         A. No, we were going to operate the gas station,
                  (Deposition Exhibit 12 marked for
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                                                                     too, I think so, yeah. That's what we still doing since
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                   identification)
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            MR. MASSEY: You were operating the station by
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                                                                         Q. Okay. And that was your -- as you recall it,
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                                                                     that was the intention from the very beginning?
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      April 6th, 2001; is that correct?
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         A. I think so, yeah.
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                                                                         A. Yeah, like it is.
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                                                                         Q. Okay. Do you recall at any point in time that
         O. Okay.
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         A. I think 2001 or 2002. I think it is 2001 or
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                                                                     Gas-O-Mat Corporation was to remain the underground
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      2002.
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                                                                     storage tank owner as is written here?
                                                                         A. I don't know. I am not sure because --
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         O. Okay.
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         A. I am not pretty sure it was 2002 or 2001. I
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                                                                     whatever the paper say, so it might be this though.
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      have to look at the date. Okay. I am not sure it is
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                                                                         Q. Okay. It is your understanding that you bought
      2001 or 2002, because it is in the paper, so --
                                                                     the buildings and the underground storage tank at the
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         Q. Let's put this exhibit aside just for a second.
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                                                                     same time to start operating the businesses?
                                                                         A. Yes, I think that's probably the agreement.
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         Q. We are going to use it in a second. But I'll
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                                                                     Yeah.
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      mark as Exhibit 13 an Environmental Health Application
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                                                                         Q. All right. And then at that same time you
      which is dated apparently January 9th, 2002.
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                                                                     started leasing the property from Melvin Armey?
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         A. Yeah, so that's -- that's the date we probably
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                                                                         A. Yeah, but I am not sure who is the owner of the
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      purchased, 2002, then.
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                                                                     underground tanks and all that because we purchased
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                  (Deposition Exhibit 13 marked for
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                                                                     business from Valero, so I am not sure what comes with
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                   identification)
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                                                                     it, you know, so -- because before that property owner
                                                                     and Valero have the lease. I don't know how the lease
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           MR. MASSEY: And it has got Bates number
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                                                                     there work. So --
      FCDEH-FRESNO-17647.
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         Q. Have you seen this document before?
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                                                                         Q. You recall you purchased everything from
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         A. Yeah, that's my handwriting.
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                                                                     Valero --
         Q. Okay. Is that your signature on this document?
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                                                                         A. Valero, yeah.
                                                                         Q. -- not from Gas-O-Mat?
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         A. Yes.
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         Q. All right. And is this a true and correct copy
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                                                                         A. Yeah.
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      of the application that you filed on this date?
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                                                                         Q. So not from Gas-O-Mat, from Valero?
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         A. Yes.
                                                                         A. Yeah. From Beacon or Diamond Shamrock,
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         Q. Okay. And it indicates at the bottom, about
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                                                                     whatever, no Gas-O-Mat, yes.
                                                                         Q. Okay. Does this document refresh your
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      three-quarters of the page down, ownership change, and
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      then business name change and billing address change.
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                                                                     recollection as to the time frame of your taking over
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                                                                     the business?
            Do you see that?
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         A. Billing address? You are talking about right
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                                                                         O. Okay. And what time frame was that?
      here?
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         Q. Little bit up a few -- like three lines up from
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                                                                         A. I think we take over on the 10th.
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                                                                         Q. Of what year?
         A. Yes, this is the ownership change -- yeah,
                                                                         A. 2002. Yeah, before we fill up the application
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      food, gas only, yes.
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         Q. Okay. It says for food only; is that right?
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                                                                         Q. Okay. So let's put that aside for now and
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         A. For food only, yes.
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                                                                     let's look back at Exhibit 12, which we were just
         Q. Okay. And then it says, "Gas-O-Mat Corp. is to
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                                                                     looking at. And if you would turn to Figure 2, which is
      remain UST owner." Do you see that?
                                                                     Bates Page 16633.
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                                                                         A. 16663?
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         Q. Okay. Was there some point in your purchase of
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      the equipment and starting operating the site that you
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                                                                     looked at earlier, correct?
      were going to just operate the mini-mart and not operate
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